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SUBJECT: TFHA01: INL RESPONSE TO NAS NEEDS FOR HNP,
MINUSTAH, AND CORRECTIONS

REF: PAP 0068

MINUSTAH

¶1. In response to reftel request concerning issues to be addressed by INL in support of Embassy Port au Prince. The Department has taken steps to assist with the following:

¶2. INL is preparing the procurement, delivery, and construction of a temporary camp for the US contingent to be located. This will allow the US contingent to be self-sustaining. A 10,000 square foot site has been identified but will only hold 25 people. INL will continue to work with NAS to locate additional land to house the contingent.

¶3. INL has funded the procurement of emergency supplies for the US contingent. Supplies include bottled water, MREs, uniforms, gloves, masks, medical supplies, and hygiene kits. INL will continue to work with the contractor and NAS to ensure US contingent needs are met.

HNP

¶4. INL stands ready to assist the NAS office with support to the HNP. INL is prepared to fund the procurement of additional uniforms when needed, equipment, and supplies for HNP. INL will use the information in paragraph 12 to procure items for the HNP. INL requests NAS assistance in securing a shipping method through SOUTHCOM and logistical support on the ground for disbursement.

¶5. INL will work with various bureaus in the Department to provide a method to provide salary payments to HNP officers. Embassy, MINUSTAH and HNP assistance will be needed to ensure that any salary disbursement will be coordinated and secured. There will be an end-use monitoring requirement to report on the actual disbursement and receipt of salaries to specific individual HNP officers.

CORRECTIONS

¶6. INL appreciates the status reports on prison conditions and the capacity of the prison administration and its personnel. The INL's corrections team is developing contingency plans to respond to the needs of the DAP and MINUSTAH with Post concurrence.

¶7. Structure and Capacity Surveys: INL plans to deploy a structural engineer and a corrections facility expert to PAP within the next five days to conduct a complete structural and capacity survey of prison and jail facilities in PAP. INL requests that Embassy PAP ensure that these individuals are provided security, ground transportation, and a translator for at least 5 to 7 days while the surveys are completed. INL is also prepared to support Embassy PAP and the NAS with a TDY deployment of a corrections facility and management expert beyond the initial assessment, if Embassy PAP desires to have this in-house expertise during the recovery period. INL will work with NAS to work out specific

details of the site survey.

¶18. INL is prepared to erect a new, temporary prison compound with an initial estimated capacity of 500 adult male, female, and juvenile prisoners within the next 60 to 90 days. In order to execute this plan, INL requests that Embassy PAP and the NAS work with the GOH and MINUSTAH to secure a level, readily accessible, 10 to 12 acre site for this compound. If Embassy PAP supports this proposal, INL can prepare a statement of work and begin the competition process.

¶19. INL will immediately initiate procurement and distribution of water and MREs for those DAP staff who have reported to duty, as well as those prisoners remaining in custody. INL estimates that the number of people requiring this support over the next 30 days to be 1,500. INL requests that the NAS provide updates as more staff report for duty and criminals are apprehended, so that additional procurements can be made and quantity estimates can be adjusted.

¶10. INL will include in its communications support package for the HNP, 20 to 25 radios, batteries, chargers, and a repeater for DAP HQ to assist with the facilitation of its operations. It is our expectation that the DAP will secure its own frequency on the HNP network and adhere to HNP radio protocols and procedures.

¶11. INL is preparing to deploy, as soon as MINUSTAH indicates it is ready to receive additional personnel, five Creole-speaking correctional advisors in addition to the two already deployed by the USG, including a senior level, former deputy chief of corrections for New York City, whom INL recommends be teamed with DAP Director. INL is working with the New York City Department of Corrections and the Florida Department of Corrections in an effort to find additional Creole-speaking corrections professionals. However, INL notes that the request is for these advisors to perform executive authority functions (reftel PAP 0068), which is not allowed under the UN mandate at this time. Therefore, INL cannot include in these advisors, duties the requirement to assist with apprehending, detaining, or guarding any prisoners. If the UN mandate is modified to include such executive authorities, then INL can and will modify their work requirements.

¶12. INL will initiate procurement of the basic equipment noted in the cable including: uniforms, boots, duty belts with keepers, flashlights and batteries, flexi-cuffs and cutters, handcuffs, police whistles, and leg chains. INL concurs with the Embassy PAP recommendation not to provide batons or pepper spray due to the inadequacy of training and the lack of Embassy ability to conduct Leahy vetting at the moment. INL requests NAS assistance with compiling a list as soon as possible.

¶13. Upon completion of the site capacity surveys, INL intends to prepare an additional procurement of those items identified, such as office furniture and supplies, necessary to facilitate recovery by the DAP of basic operations.

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